

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2009

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### SENATE BILL NO. 142

Introduced by: Senators Ahlers, Bartling, Hanson (Gary), Heidepriem, Kloucek, Merchant, Olson (Russell), Peterson, and Turbak Berry and Representatives Engels, Blake, Burg, Elliott, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Frerichs, Gibson, Greenfield, Iron Cloud III, Killer, Lange, Lucas, Nygaard, Rounds, Schrempp, Solberg, Sorenson, Street, Thompson, and Vanderlinde

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to place certain limitations on legislative travel, expenses,  
2 and reimbursement.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council shall impose the  
5 following restrictions on legislative travel from the effective date of this Act through July 1,  
6 2013:

7 (1) No legislator may be authorized to attend more than two out-of-state meetings at state  
8 expense unless the authorization is necessary to fulfill extraordinary duties essential  
9 to the representation of the State of South Dakota;

10 (2) No legislator may be authorized to attend any out-of-state meeting unless the request  
11 for authorization is made in a timely manner so that cost-efficient airfare can be  
12 procured; and

13 (3) No legislator may be reimbursed for more than seventy-five percent of the actual



1 reimbursement expenses incurred on authorized out-of-state travel.

2 Section 2. If a legislator receives any honorarium or stipend from any source other than the  
3 State of South Dakota while in attendance at any out-of-state meeting for which the legislator  
4 is authorized to attend, the legislator shall report the receipt of the honorarium or stipend to the  
5 Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council, and the Executive Board shall reduce the  
6 reimbursement of the legislator by an equivalent amount unless the Executive Board finds that  
7 there is some good and sufficient reason that it would be unjust to do so.

8 Section 3. The Executive Board of the Legislative Research Council may not authorize the  
9 payment of state dues or other expenditures to the American Legislative Exchange Council.